

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-11 If I Were You
Test Paper-03

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. INTRUDER: (preparing to shoot) As I said before, this conversation bores me.
GERRARD: Don't be a fool. If you shoot, you'll hang for sure. If not as yourself, then as Vincent Charles Gerrard.
INTRUDER: What is this?
GERRARD: This is your big surprise. I said you wouldn't kill me and I was right. Why do you think I am here today and gone tomorrow, never see tradespeople? You say my habits would suit you. You are a crook. Do you think I am a Sunday-school teacher?
 - a. Why did the intruder prepare to shoot?
 - b. What was the big surprise?
 - c. Why did Gerrard say, 'Do you think I am a Sunday-school teacher'?
 - d. When did Gerrard say, 'Don't be a fool. If you shoot, you'll hang for sure. If not as yourself, then as Vincent Charles Gerrard'?
2. INTRUDER: How do I know that you are telling the truth?
GERRARD: Oh, don't be a fool. Look for yourself. (Gerrard opens door and steps away. Intruder leans forward to inspect it, with his side towards Gerrard, but with the revolver ready. As he turns his head, Gerrard gives him a push into the cupboard, knocking the revolver out of his hand. He slams the door and locks it, picks up the revolver and goes to the phone, where he stands with the gun pointed at the cupboard door.)
INTRUDER:(rattles door and shouts) Let me out of here.
 - a. What truth was the intruder talking about?
 - b. Why did Gerrard push the intruder into the cupboard?
 - c. What was Gerrard's intention when he pushed the intruder into the cupboard?
 - d. What did Gerrard do with the intruder after locking him in the cupboard?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What were the circumstances that forced the intruder to resort to murder?

4. What were the plans that the intruder made to handle Gerrard?
5. How did Gerrard react when the intruder entered his cottage?
6. Explain 'you will stop being smart'.
7. 'I've had a spot of bother', who said it and to whom?
8. 'The game's up as far as I'm concerned' What did Gerrard mean by saying so?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. What were the circumstances that forced the intruder to take the identity of Gerrard?
10. Analyze the character of Gerrard based on the drama.

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Answers

1.
 - a. The intruder prepared to shoot because he didn't want to engage in unnecessary conversation and was bored with prolonged dialogue.
 - b. The big surprise was that Gerrard presented himself as a criminal and murderer.
 - c. Gerrard said, 'Do you think I am a Sunday-school teacher' because he wanted to show the intruder that he too was a criminal and murderer and as such had been disappearing on certain days.
 - d. When the intruder was about to shoot him Gerrard said, 'Don't be a fool. If you shoot, you'll hang for sure. If not as yourself, then as Vincent Charles Gerrard'
2.
 - a. The intruder wasn't sure whether whatever Gerrard was telling about himself being a culprit and murderer was true.
 - b. Gerrard pushed the intruder into the cupboard in order to save himself and handover the murderer to the police.
 - c. Gerrard's first or initial intention was to save himself from the intruder as he had threatened to murder him and take his identity when he pushed the intruder into the cupboard. To save himself for ever, he decided to handover the intruder to the police.
 - d. Gerrard phoned his friend or accomplice to come to his house and on the way inform the police about the intruder after locking him in the cupboard so that he could be brought to book.
3. The intruder was engaged in a job where something went wrong. He murdered someone there and was dodging since then as the cops were after him.
4. The intruder had planned to kill Gerrard after knowing a few facts about him. He had already gathered a lot of information about him and decided to double as Gerrard after murdering him.
5. Gerrard did not get scared when the intruder entered his cottage but rather appeared calm as if he was welcoming a social acquaintance.
6. 'you will stop being smart', here means that Gerrard will get scared and disclosed all the information required of him when the intruder explained him the reason for his arrival.

7. 'I've had a spot of bother', Gerrard told it to the intruder.
8. 'The game's up as far as I'm concerned' Gerrard wanted to press upon the intruder that he was a murderer and it had been found out through one of his men. The cops were about to catch him for his crime.
9. The intruder was working in a town. During his work there, something went wrong, he murdered a person. He had been on a run since then and had been dodging the cops. He chanced to see Gerrard and took fancy for him as he could take his identity and lead a free life. Gerrard was almost like the intruder with only difference of clothes and spectacles. He tried to imitate his accent, his clothing style and gather information about his acquaintance and his style of working. This could help him elude the cops and stay as a double without fear and worry.
10. Gerrard was a playwright. He had been dealing in theater for long and was quite smart in his dealings. When the intruder entered his cottage, he did not express any anxiety or fear and dealt with him in a manner as if he was dealing with a social acquaintance. He played coolly without losing his wit when the intruder threatened to shoot him with his gun. He was smart enough to engage the intruder in conversation and befooled him in succumbing to his plans and trapped him. He smartly outwitted him in explaining that he too was a murderer who was eluding the cops and escaping from his cottage to save his own life.